

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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In re : Chapter 9  
: Case No. 13-53846  
CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN, :  
Debtor. : Hon. Steven W. Rhodes  
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**DEBTOR'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO THE DETROIT  
PUBLIC SAFETY UNIONS**

Debtor hereby serves the following interrogatories to the Detroit Fire Fighters Association (“DFFA”), the Detroit Police Officers Association (“DPOA”), the Detroit Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Association (“DPLSA”), and the Detroit Police Command Officers Association (“DPCOA”) (collectively, “Detroit Public Safety Unions”) pursuant to this Court’s order of August 2, 2013 (DE #0280). All responses must be answered by the Detroit Public Safety Unions fully in writing, under oath, by September 13, 2013. *See* DE #0280.

## **DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

The following definitions and instructions shall apply to Debtor's Interrogatories:

1. "Retirement Systems" means the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit ("GRS") and the Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit ("PFRS"), collectively.
2. "Communication" includes every manner of transmitting or receiving facts, information, opinions, or thoughts from one person to another person, whether orally, by documents, writing, e-mail, or copy thereof, and to words transmitted by telephone, radio, or any method of voice recording.
3. The word "person" means any natural or artificial person, including business entities and other legal entities.
4. "And" or "or" shall be construed conjunctively or disjunctively as necessary to make the requests inclusive rather than exclusive.
5. The use of the word "including" shall be construed to mean "without limitation."
6. Reference to the singular in any of these requests shall also include a reference to the plural, and reference to the plural shall include a reference to the singular.

7. "Related to" or "relating to" shall mean directly or indirectly supporting, evidencing, describing, mentioning, referring to, contradicting, comprising or concerning.

8. To "state the basis" means to provide the complete factual summary of each element of the claim, allegation, or denial. The summary should chronologically describe each and every fact, action, and occurrence that relates to the particular claim, allegation, or denial.

9. "Identify" or "describe" means the following:

a. When used in connection with natural persons, "identify" or "describe" means to state the person's full name, present business address (or home address) and telephone number, and city of residence as well as the substance of the person's knowledge, where such knowledge was obtained, whether such knowledge was discussed with you, when such discussions occurred, who participated in such discussions, and the substance of all discussions.

b. When used in connection with an entity, "identify" or "describe" means to state the entity's full name, last known address(es), telephone number(s), and organization form (*e.g.*, corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, etc.).

- c. When used in connection with an act, “identify” or “describe” means to provide a description of the act, including the place, date, and time of its occurrence, and the persons and/or entities engaged in the act.
- d. When used in connection with documents, “identify” or “describe” means to state the nature of the document (*e.g.*, memorandum, letter, notes, etc.), its author(s), its addressee(s) or recipient(s), its title or subject matter, and a date. If the document has already been produced, it can be identified by the number given to it at the time of production. If the document has not been previously produced, then Debtor requests that it be produced, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 34, along with the Detroit Public Safety Unions’ response to these interrogatories.
- e. When used in connection with an oral communication, “identify” or “describe” means to state the time, date, place, and means of the oral communication (*e.g.*, telephone, personal meeting, etc.), the identity of all persons participating in the oral communication, the identity of persons hearing the oral communication, and a detailed description of the oral communication.

10. In answering these interrogatories, the Detroit Public Safety Unions shall furnish all information known or available. If any of these interrogatories

cannot be answered in full, the interrogatory shall be answered to the extent possible.

11. In the event the Detroit Public Safety Unions, or any one of the unions, assert any form of objection or privilege as a ground for not answering an interrogatory or any part of an interrogatory, set forth the legal grounds and facts upon which the objection or privilege is based. If the objection relates to only part of the interrogatory, the balance of the interrogatory should be answered in full.

### **Interrogatories**

1. Please indicate whether the DPLSA has authority to serve as the legal representative of any retired, former employees of the City of Detroit.

#### **RESPONSE:**

2. Please indicate whether DFFA has authority to serve as the legal representative of any retired, former employees of the City of Detroit.

#### **RESPONSE:**

3. Please indicate whether DPOA has authority to serve as the legal representative of any retired, former employees of the City of Detroit.

RESPONSE:

4. Please indicate whether DPCOA has authority to serve as the legal representative of any retired, former employees of the City of Detroit.

RESPONSE:

5. Please indicate the person or persons who have knowledge of the categories of membership in the Detroit Public Safety Unions.

RESPONSE:

6. Please identify a lead person or persons who have knowledge of any feedback, criticism, reactions, proposals, or counterproposals made by the Detroit Public Safety Unions to the City of Detroit, between March 14, 2013, and July 19, 2013, in connection with a restructuring, reduction, modification, or elimination of any benefits, rights and features of the PFRS, including but not limited to feedback, criticism, reactions, or counterproposals in response to the proposals the City of Detroit made respecting the PFRS at each of the following meetings:

a. The June 14, 2013, City of Detroit Proposal for Creditors;

- b. The June 20, 2013, presentation by the City of Detroit's professional advisors to the Retirement Systems, unions, and retiree associations; and
- c. The July 11, 2013, presentation by the City of Detroit's professional advisors to the Retirement Systems, unions, and retiree associations.

**RESPONSE:**

7. Please identify a lead person or persons who have knowledge of any feedback, criticism, reactions, proposals, or counterproposals made by the Detroit Public Safety Unions to the City of Detroit, between March 14, 2013, and July 19, 2013, in connection with a restructuring, reduction, modification, or elimination of any benefits, rights and features of the retiree health benefit programs covering then existing retirees, including but not limited to feedback, criticism, reactions, or counterproposals in response to the proposals the City of Detroit made respecting the retiree health benefits at each of the following meetings:

- a. The June 14, 2013, City of Detroit Proposal for Creditors;
- b. The June 20, 2013, presentation by the City of Detroit's professional advisors to the Retirement Systems, unions, and retiree associations; and

c. The July 11, 2013, presentation by the City of Detroit's professional advisors to the Retirement Systems, unions, and retiree associations.

RESPONSE:

8. Please identify any person or persons who have knowledge of any agreement entered into by a Detroit Public Safety Union with the City of Detroit in which the Detroit Public Safety Union agreed to reduce, limit, or otherwise abridge the then existing health benefits provided by the City of Detroit to former employees who had already retired as of the effective date of the agreement.

RESPONSE:

9. Please identify any person or persons who have knowledge of any attempt prior to July 19, 2013, by the Detroit Public Safety Unions to obtain legal approval or form of legal authority from any existing retiree of the City of Detroit purporting to authorize the Detroit Public Safety Unions to legally bind him or her in connection with an agreement entered into by the Detroit Public Safety Unions to reduce, limit, or abridge the then existing health benefits provided by the City of Detroit to such retirees.

RESPONSE:

10. Please identify any person or persons who have knowledge of any agreement entered into by the Detroit Public Safety Unions with the City of Detroit in which the Detroit Public Safety Unions agreed to reduce, limit, or otherwise abridge the pension rights or benefits – on a prospective basis only – provided to then existing retirees by the PFRS.

RESPONSE:

11. Please identify any person or persons who have knowledge of any attempt prior to July 19, 2013, by the Detroit Public Safety Unions to obtain legal approval or form of legal authority from any existing retiree of the City of Detroit purporting to authorize the Detroit Public Safety Unions to legally bind him or her in connection with an agreement entered into by the Detroit Public Safety Unions to reduce, limit, or otherwise abridge the pension rights or benefits – on a prospective basis only – provided to then existing retirees by the PFRS.

RESPONSE:

12. Identify all documents you intend to use as exhibits at the hearing regarding the eligibility of the City of Detroit to proceed under Chapter 9, including demonstrative exhibits.

RESPONSE:

13. Identify all witnesses you intend to call for any purpose at the hearing regarding the eligibility of the City of Detroit to proceed under Chapter 9.

RESPONSE:

14. Identify all experts whom you intend to call to testify at the hearing regarding the eligibility of the City of Detroit to proceed under Chapter 9 and identify their area of expertise.

RESPONSE:

Dated: August 23, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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